

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

United States of America

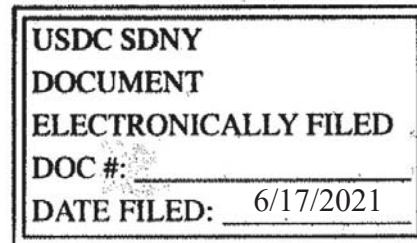
v.

Robert Pruden,
a/k/a “Jordan,” and
Steven Sylvester,
a/k/a “Little,”

Defendants.

~~Proposed~~ Protective Order

21 Cr. 358 (VSB)



Upon the application of the United States of America, Audrey Strauss, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Assistant United States Attorney Elizabeth A. Espinosa, of counsel, and with the consent of defendant ROBERT PRUDEN, a/k/a “Jordan,” and STEVEN SYLVESTER, a/k/a “Little,” through counsel, for an order limiting the dissemination of any and all discovery produced in connection with the above-captioned case, including but not limited to recordings and electronically stored information (“ESI”), pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16, 18 U.S.C. § 3500, and the Government’s general obligation to produce exculpatory and impeachment material in criminal cases (the “Discovery”), which contains sensitive information regarding third parties, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. Discovery shall not be disclosed by the defendant or defense counsel, including any successor counsel (“defense counsel”) other than as set forth herein, and shall be used by defense counsel and the defendant solely for the purpose of defending this criminal action.

2. The defendant and defense counsel are precluded from disseminating any disks containing the Discovery, and any and all printouts and/or digital versions of the Discovery (and any copies and/or screenshots) to anyone beyond the defendant, defense counsel, investigative,

secretarial, clerical, and paralegal personnel employed full-time or part-time by defense counsel, independent expert witnesses, investigators, or advisors retained by the defense counsel in connection with this action, and other prospective witnesses and their counsel, to the extent deemed necessary by defense counsel, for the purpose of defending this criminal action, and such other persons as hereafter may be authorized by the Court upon motion by the defendant.

3. The defendant and defense counsel are precluded from using any disks containing the Discovery, and any and all printouts and/or digital versions of the Discovery (or any copies or screenshots) for any purpose other than defending this criminal action.

4. The defendant and defense counsel must destroy or return any disks containing the Discovery, and any and all printouts and/or digital versions of the Discovery (including all copies), at the conclusion of the trial of this matter or when any appeal has terminated and the judgment has become final, subject to defense counsel's obligation to retain client files under the Rules of Professional Conduct.

5. This Order places no restriction on a defendant's use or disclosure of Discovery materials that originally belonged to the defendant.

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6. The provisions of this Order shall not terminate at the conclusion of this criminal prosecution, and the Court will retain jurisdiction to enforce this Order following termination of the case.

Dated: New York, New York
June 11, 2021

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:


AUDREY STRAUSS
United States Attorney

by: /s/
Elizabeth A. Espinosa
Assistant United States Attorney

Date: June 11, 2021


/s/ Christopher Flood
Christopher Flood, Esq.
Counsel for Robert Pruden, a/k/a "Jordan"

Date: June 15, 2021


Andrew Patel, Esq.
Counsel for Steven Sylvester, a/k/a "Little"

Date: June 15, 2021

Dated: New York, New York
June 17, 2021


THE HONORABLE VERNON S. BRODERICK
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE